



Anna Alter



Growing up in a house full of artists, it was inevitable that Anna Alter would become involved in a creative endeavor of some kind. She was always taking part in one of her family member's adventures in art, whether it was posing for her father's photographs, learning her mother's painting and collage techniques, or observing her sister's printmaking. For Anna, self-expression came in the form of books and painting. She writes and illustrates books that allow children to find their place in the world, and she strives to create relatable characters and scenarios.

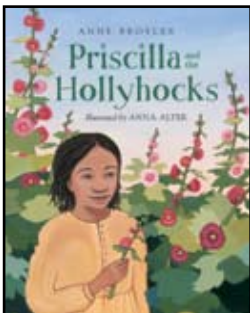
Anna was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, and graduated with a BFA in illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. Upon graduating, Anna worked in children's book design at Houghton Mifflin Company, eventually striking out on her own to become a freelance author and illustrator. In addition, she spent five years teaching preschool, allowing her to better understand the intricacies of being a child.

Anna shows her paintings frequently in galleries and other venues around New England. She is the author of several books including *Estelle and Lucy*, *Francine's Day* (Greenwillow Books), and *The Three Little Kittens* (Henry Holt & Company).

Anna lives in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.



Books by Anna Alter



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Ages 7-10

"Reading about Priscilla's remarkable life makes all our hearts a bit warmer while filling our hearts with a much-needed piece of American history."

Nikki Giovanni, Poet

Based on a true story, *Priscilla and the Hollyhocks* follows a young slave girl named Priscilla from her early years on a Southern plantation to her forced march along the Trail of Tears to the chance encounter that leads to her freedom.